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He was well known also as a public speaker. His logical powers were good. In the statement of his argument, so that it could be understood by the commonest mind, he was remarkable.

His speeches were well sprinkled with wit and humor, of which he had an unfailing supply, and they never fell short of attracting and entertaining. On the political platform, in the strife of parties, and at the Mechanics' and Odd Fellows' gatherings his efforts were always worthy and persuasive. Often on such occasions his speeches rose to impassioned eloquence. His devotion to the cause of temperance and his efforts for many years for its success are well known. When, too, the guns of Sumter thundered upon the North, he threw himself with all his might and with untiring zeal into the good work of the Union. Now by a stirring editorial, and then by a vehement appeal from the platform, he did his best to recruit our armies, to arouse the people's patriotism, and to maintain that government which he religiously believed to be the best on earth. In him the soldier always found a friend, and though too old to become one himself, he showed that the true martial spirit, that prompts to self-sacrifice, was in him.

As a friend to those who needed a friend—downcast women, neglected children, the friendless of all kinds—his record is very honorable. Through his long life he seemed to leave no opportunity unimproved to help those who needed his aid. But he was of those who most conscientiously follow the scriptural injunction not to let the right hand know what the left is doing. Hence, even some of his intimate acquaintances were unaware of the frequency and extent of his personal benevolence.

Many were the apprentices who entered the Argus office, and graduated therefrom, competent, skillful and reliable printers, during Mr. Holden's connection with and practical control of the same. They are now to be found in places of honor, of trust, and of responsibility throughout the country. The most successful of them will testify, that to the careful, conscientious training in the duties of the office, to the sound, wise counsel, and the example of personal industry, faithfulness and persistence in well doing which he, their master, furnished, they owe that habit of life which has brought them success.

In private life he was one of the most genial of men. Possessed of a keen sense of the ludicrous, fond of anecdote, and lively of imagination, he ever proved a most attractive and entertaining



companion. His knowledge of men, together with his extensive information on all topics of common interest, made him an unusually interesting conversationalist; and while he could with a masterly hand discover and analyze the weakness of others, he was ever ready to bestow the meed of praise on that which was worthy and commendable. He was a man of reverential spirit, holding in his heart with true religious fervor the great, broad principles of christianity. He was not open in his professions of religious experience, but he made his life, if not his speech, conform to his convictions.

He was essentially domestic in his tastes, and devoted to his family, who will have at this time the united sympathy of thousands who have known, respected and honored its head.

NOTES ON THE BADGER FAMILY:

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The patriarch of the New England family of Badger was GILES¹, who was at Newbury, Mass., in 1643. In the following year three persons of this name were of Newbury, and taxed as land-holders, viz: Giles¹, Nathaniel and Richard. Nothing further is known of the two latter, and they may have returned to England whence they all came. It may be that these three were brothers. Giles¹ deceased at Newbury, January 11, 1647, and his will was proved in October following. The name of his wife has not come down to us. He had a son JOHN², born June 30, 1643, who was made a freeman in 1674. His wife was Elizabeth ———, and his children were as follows:

I *John*, b. April 4, 1664, d. July 20, following; II *JOHN*, b. April 26, 1665; III *Sarah* b. June 25, 1666; IV *James*, b. March 19, 1669, d. in 1693, leaving his estate to his brother John. For his 2d wife John married Hannah Swett, who bore him children as follows: V *Stephen* b. December 13, 1671; VI *Hannah*, December 3, 1673; VII *Nathaniel* b. January 16, 1675; VIII *Mary* b. May 2, 1678, m. John Wyatt, December 15, 1701; IX *Elizabeth* b. April 30, 1680; X *Ruth* b. February 10, 1682, m. Thomas Jewell, February 17, 1702;—and four others. The father and mother both died of small pox in 1691. His estate was valued at £943 9 s.

John³ above named was a trader in Newbury. He married Rebecca Brown, October 5, 1691, and had :

I *John* b. Jan. 20, 1692, m. Elizabeth Hams in 1713; II *James* b. Jan. 10, 1693, who was a trader; III *Elizabeth* b. Feb. —, 1694; IV *Stephen* b. —, 1697; V *JOSEPH* b. 1698; VI *Benjamin* b. June 15, 1700; VII *Dorothy* b. June 5, 1709.

Joseph⁴ above named moved to Haverhill and there became a distinguished merchant. For his first wife he married Hannah daughter of Col. Nathaniel Peaslee of Haverhill, and had seven children, as follows :

I *Joseph* b. Jan. 11, 1722; II *Judith** b. Feb. 3, 1724; III *Mehitable* b. Nov. 27, 1725; IV *Mary* b. Nov. 4, 1727; V *Nathaniel* b. May 1, 1729; VI *Mary* b. Sept. 20, 1731. VII *Peaslee* b. Oct. 6, 1733, d. same month.

For second wife he married, July 29, 1735, Hannah, widow of Rev. Ebenezer Pearson, whose maiden name was Moody. She had three children by her second marriage, viz :

ENOCH b. May 11, 1736; *Nathaniel* b. April 18, 1740; *Moses* b. July 11, 1743.

Joseph⁵ above named, known as General Joseph Badger, married January 31, 1740, Hannah Pearson, daughter of his father's second wife by a former husband. He moved to Gilmanton, N. H., in 1763, and was the 18th family in that new town. His barn built that year was the first frame building erected in town, and on the occasion of the raising he had every man, woman and child in the town to take supper with him. He held various offices, such as member of the State Council, Judge of Probate, &c., and was appointed Brigadier-General of the militia. "His whole life was marked by prudence, wisdom, integrity, firmness and benevolence."† Children :

I *William* b. Dec. 13, 1740; II *Hannah* b. Nov. 16, 1742; III *Mehitable* b. Dec. 24, 1744, d. 1746; IV *Joseph* b. Oct. 23, 1746; V *Rebecca* b. June 6, 1749, d. 1751; VI *Ruth* b. Sept. 14, 1751; VII *Peaslee* b. April 22, 1754, m. Lydia Kelley of Lee, N. H., and had Ebenezer, Peaslee, Sally, Mary, Nathaniel, Joseph, Thomas, Ruth and Hannah. VIII *Ebenezer* b. March 31, 1756, d. 1777; IX *Mary* and X *Nathaniel* (twins), b. Oct. 4, 1758; XI *Sarah* b. Dec. 4, 1760; XII *Judith* b. May 16, 1766.

Joseph⁶, son of General Joseph, was born in Bradford, Mass., but moved to Gilmanton with his father. He married Elizabeth, dau. of Rev. William Parsons, August 1, 1766, by whom he had six

* Judith, d. of Joseph Badger of Haverhill, m. Nathaniel Cogswell. She had nineteen children. Her eight sons served in the aggregate thirty-eight years in the war of the Revolution. All these nineteen children were baptized in the Congregational church at Haverhill, Mass.

† Lancaster's History of Gilmanton.

children. Among them was Hon. William Badger, born in Gilmanston, Jan. 13, 1779, married Martha, dau. of Rev. Isaac Smith; served as Representative, Senator, President of the Senate, and two years as Governor of the State.

Enoch Badger⁵, son of Joseph, the Haverhill merchant, and half brother of General Joseph, was married at Haverhill, Mass., April 13, 1759, to Susanna White of that town. He moved to Gilmanston, N. H., but died at Sandown. His wife died December 30, 1838, aged 92 years. Their children were as follows:

I Timothy b. March 2, 1760; II Susanna b. Sept. 7, 1761; III Hannah b. July 3, 1763; IV Enoch b. March 6, 1765; V JOSEPH b. Nov. 2, 1766.

We shall attempt to trace only the descendants of Joseph⁶, the last named, who married Mary, daughter of Caleb and Mary (Tilton) Webster of Gilmanston, and toward the close of the last century came to Maine and settled on a new lot in the town of Industry, in the county of Franklin. He was by occupation a tanner, and subsequently moved to Farmington and erected a small tannery on the spot where the "Little Blue" school buildings now stand. The business did not prove a success, and he soon abandoned it and went to sea. He was subsequently drowned at New Orleans. His wife died at Farmington in 1801. Children:

I Nathaniel b. March —, 1789, m. Jane, daughter of Philip Owen of Brunswick; II Joseph b. —, m. Eunice Noyes; III Ebenezer b. —, d. single in 1820; IV Sarah b. Feb. —, 1794, m. Charles Owen; V Hannah b. Dec. 28, 1798, m. Jeremiah Owen; VI Daniel b. Nov. 18, 1801, m. Mary Dismore of Anson; VII William b. April 12, 1804, m. Rebecca Taylor of Roxbury, Me.; VIII John A. b. Aug. 3, 1806, m. Rebecca Hilton.

Nathaniel⁷, born in Gilmanston, March —, 1789, moved with his father to Franklin county, and then to Brunswick. He followed the sea in his earlier years, but for many years he was a trader and clerk of the town of Brunswick. By his wife, Jane Owen (b. Sept., 1789), he had:

I Jane P. b. August 27, 1818, m. Hon. Washington Gilbert, resides at Bath; II Almira D. b. April 20, 1815, m. Joseph E. F. Dunn, Waterville; III Ann S. b. Nov. 7, 1816, m. John R. Houghton, resides in Providence, R. I.; IV Charles H. b. Aug. 31, 1818, m. Sophia A. Pescey of Mobile, resides at New Orleans; V William S. b. Feb. 23, 1820, m. Susan Emery of Augusta, and had Abby Jane, b. Aug. 30, 1847, d. Sept. 10, 1849; William S. Jr., b. Nov. 2, 1848, and Joseph E. b. Mar. 19, 1851. (He is one of the proprietors of the *Maine Farmer*, and resides in Augusta). VI Mary C. b. Sept. 23, 1824, m. F. Loring Talbot of East Machias; VII Joseph b. Feb. 24, 1826, m. Lucy Purcell, and resides in New Orleans.

Sarah Badger⁷, b. February —, 1794, married Charles Owen of Brunswick. She had ten children, four of whom died in infancy:

Mary b. —, 1817, m. Thomas Moulton of Topsham; *Elizabeth* b. —, 1821, m. Amasa P. Stinchfield; *Harriet* b. —, 1823, m. William D. Crockett of Auburn; *Maria* b. —, 1827, m. George S. Mulliken of Augusta; *Carrie M.* b. 1833, m. William G. Lewis of Hingham, Mass.; *Lottie* b. 1835, m. Eben P. Chase, Livermore.

Hannah Badger⁷, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Webster), was married to Jeremiah Owen of Brunswick, October 6, 1816. He was son of Philip Owen, and was born March 16, 1792. Children :

I *Philip* b. July 16, 1817; II *William S.* b. Oct. 26, 1820, m. Sarah Hail, d. Nov. 10, 1854; III *Robert McM.* b. Aug. 10, 1823, m. Cordelia L. Stone; IV *John B.* b. Feb. 26, 1826, d. Oct. 29, 1853; V *Jeremiah* b. Feb. 3, 1829, m. Frances Bailey, d. Aug. 10, 1864; VI *Joseph B.* b. April 18, 1832, d. Sept. 24, 1842; VII *Howard* b. April 28, 1835, m. Mary Amelia; (He is one of the owners and editors of the Kennebec Journal); VIII *Charles Frederick* b. July 17, 1838, m. Josephine B. Alexander.

Daniel W.⁷, who married Mary Dinsmore, resides in Phillips, Me. Children :

I *David D.* b. March 6, 1827, d. young; II *David D.* b. July 16, 1828, m. Nancy Campbell; III *Sarah J.* b. Feb. 20, 1830, m. Edwin Bucknam; IV *Eben* b. Nov. 10, 1831, m. Mary Meade; V *Susan H.* b. May 9, 1833, m. Benj. Butler; VI *James D.* b. June 21, 1835, m. Clemantine Quinby; VII *Almer H.* b. April 13, 1837; VIII *Jones D.* b. Aug. 9, 1839, m. Octava Wilson; IX *William D.* b. July 1, 1841, m. Sarah Frizell; X *Daniel W.* b. Aug. 14, 1843, d. May 9, 1869; XI *John* b. Aug. 4, 1848, d. May 9, 1866; XII *Otis F.* b. Oct. 20, 1847, m. C. Harden; XIII *Mary N. L.* b. May 15, 1854, m. Charles Dill; XIV *Winfield S.* b. July 17, 1859, m. Almira Kimball.

William⁷, son of Joseph and Mary (Webster) Badger, born at Farmington, Me., April 12, 1804, m. Rebecca, daughter of John Taylor of Roxbury, Maine, and died in Medford, Mass., May 14, 1865. He was a minister of the Free Baptist denomination. His children were as follows :

Marion W. b. May 21, 1826, m. William S. West of Charlestown, Mass.; *Webster L.* b. June 13, 1828, m. Sarah J. Wood of Wilton, resides in Lewiston; *Marinda T.* b. April 22, 1830, m. Thomas W. Savage of Charlestown, Mass.; *Almarin F.* b. June 26, 1832, d. unmarried June 5, 1867; *Eliab W.* b. July 3, 1835, m. Sarah Bagley of Wilton, Me., resides in Medford, Mass.; *Carrie R.* b. Nov. 12, 1839, m. Samuel C. Lawrence of Medford, Mass.

John A. Badger, who m. Rebecca Hilton of Anson, Maine, (b. Dec. 11, 1806, d. at Warwick, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1875), is a Baptist preacher, and has resided in various places. Children :

I *Alexander F.* b. at Anson, Sept. 28, 1832, d. Feb. 23, 1835; II *Mary J.* b. at Anson, July 3, 1834, m. Rev. Leouard Cox; III *Samuel N.* b. at Anson, June 27, 1836, d. July 21, 1836; *Joseph N.* b. at Anson, March 21, 1838, m. Helen M. Hinkley; he is a preacher in New York; IV *Hannah M.* b. at Anson, Oct. 20, 1840, m. Geo. L. Stinson, d. Jan. 21, 1872; V *Sarah W.* b. at Anson, Oct. 20, 1840, m. Dr. Isaac S. Curtis; VI *Lydia M.* b. at Brunswick, May 15, 1847, d. July 29, 1849.

MARRIAGES OF EARLY SETTLERS ON THE KENNEBEC.

COMMUNICATED BY JAMES W. NORTH.

We have no record of marriages at Cushnoc, now Augusta, until early in 1763. Fort Western was built in 1754, and occupied by James Howard, with his family and the small garrison stationed at the fort. After the conquest of Canada, in the fall of 1759, settlers began to come in, and before the treaty of peace, at Paris, in February, 1763, land had been lotted and many settlers had taken possession of their grants. James Howard at this time was the only magistrate on the river above Dresden, with the exception of William Lithgow at Fort Halifax. Hallowell, including Augusta, was incorporated in 1771. The records of the town were not kept in a book and authenticated by the clerk until Daniel Cony was chosen clerk in 1785, when Cony, with the assistance of the former clerks and memoranda made at the meetings, made up the records, and at the same time entered the returns of marriages made to former clerks. From this record, on the book of records of the town of Hallowell, the following marriages of persons then residing on the river from Sebec to Dresden, have been transcribed. This is probably the only record, of many of these marriages, now extant. The orthography of the record is preserved.

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY JAMES HOWARD, ESQ.

Capt. James Patterson & Mis Margaret Howard..	Feb 8,	1763
Mr John Saley & Mis Jane Savage.....	March 23,	1763
Mr David Hancock, Mis Susanna Fisk.....	Dec 18	1763
Mr John Estis & Mis Eleanor Thorn.....	July 7,	1764
Mr James Bacon & Mis Abigail Marsh.....	Sept. 23,	1764
Mr Levi Powers & Mis Mary Chace.....	Oct 2	1764
Mr Benjamin Fitch & Mis Nancy McCausland....	Dec 5	1764
Mr John Gazlin & Mis Eunice Brawn.....	July 5	1765
Mr Paul Kenny & Mrs Elizabeth Tibbets.....	July 8,	1765
Mr James Saley & the Widow Day.....	Aug 1,	1765

Mr Zacheus Flitner & Mis Lucy Colburn.....	Nov 5, 1765
Mr William Blake & Mis Abigail Girdy.....	Dec 26, 1765
Capt Samuel Howard & Mis Sarah Lithgow	March 4, 1766
Mr David Stanley & Mis Ruth Rankin.....	March 14, 1766
Mr Nathaniel Bragg & Mis Hannah Moore.....	April 10, 1766
Mr Daniel Savage & Mis Anne Johnston.....	Aug. 7, 1766
Mr Thomas Clark & Mis Lois Spenser.....	Nov 18, 1766
Mr Oliver Colburn & Mis Margaret Burns	Jan'y 13, 1767
Mr Nathaniel Denbow & Mis Lydia Tibbetts.....	March 2, 1767
Mr James Collar & Mis Elizabeth Stain.....	Oct 20, 1767
Mr Paul Higgins & Mis Margaret McCausland....	Sept 27, 1767
Mr James Law & Mis Mary Smith	Nov 27, 1767
Mr James Burns & Mis Abigail Spencer.....	May 26, 1768
Mr Nehemiah Getchel & Mis Anne Bragg.....	June 23, 1768
Mr Levi Moore & Mis Rebecca Finney	June 4, 1769
Mr John Gilley & Mis Dorcas Brawn	Aug 3, 1769
Mr Phillip Fought & Mis Hannah Sharp.....	Sept 15, 1769
Mr Wm. Gibson Perry & Mis Abigail Philbrook..	Nov 22, 1769
Mr Patta Warren & Mis Abigail Tibbetts.....	Dec 25, 1769
Mr Nathaniel Stanley & Mis Abigail Hall.....	March 28, 1770
Mr Simeon Clark & Mis Sally Cobb	April 20, 1770
Mr Ebenezer Church & Mis Sarah Winslow	Oct 24, 1770
Mr Francis Dudley & Mis Anna Thorn	Nov 6, 1770
Mr Samuel Tolman & Mis Martha Badoock.....	May 10, 1771
Mr Reuben Fairfield & Mis Abigail Tozier, both of Winslow	May 29, 1771
Mr Timothy Foster & Mis Abigail Allen, both of Winthrop	Aug 29, 1771
Mr. McCartey & Widow Daley, both of Gardiners- town.....	Sept 18, 1771
Mr Samuel Getchel & Mis Ruth Reed, both of Vassalboro'.....	Oct 10, 1771
Mr. David Wall & Mis Hannah Turner, both of Hallowell	Nov 21, 1771
Mr George Fitzgerald & Mis Eleanor Chace, both of Hallowell	Nov 21, 1771
Mr Collins Moore of Vassalboro' & Mis Sarah Tozer of Winslow.....	Jan'y 9, 1772
Mr Seth Greele & Mis Mary Wight	May 11, 1772
Mr Philip Snow & Mis Abigail Townsend.....	June 13, 1772
Mr Charles Steward & Mis Abigail Fairfield.....	Nov 12, 1772

Mr Moses Hastings & Mis Hannah Marsh.....	Nov 26,	1772
Mr Jabez Lewis & Mis Elizabeth Getchel.....	Dec 8,	1772
Mr Nathaniel Spencer & Mis Bridget Simpsoy....	Dec 8,	1772
Mr James Whitrow & Mis Mary Bennet.....	Dec 9,	1772
Mr John Gray & Mis Sarah Blanchard.....	Jan'y 26,	1773
Mr David Clark & Mis Sarah Taylor.....	Feb 15,	1773
Mr Ephraim Wilson & Mis Eunice Spencer.....	Feb 26,	1773
Mr Nathaniel Evings & Mis Hannah Hastings....	March 9,	1773
Mr Joseph Stevens & Mis Abigail Blanchard....	March 10,	1773
Mr Benjamin Dyer & Jemima Bleak.....	May 23,	1773
Mr Oliver Allen & Mis Levina Hopkins (by Obed Hussey, Esq.)... ..	Aug 12,	1773
Mr Samuel Badcock & Mis Mary Tolman, both of this town.....	Oct 13,	1773
Mr Joseph Savage & Mis Alice Carson.....	Nov 23,	1773
Mr Benjamin Colburn & Mis Hannah McCausland..	Jan'y 27,	1774
Mr Josiah Mitchell & Mis Eunice Grover	Feb 21,	1774
Mr Samuel Stevens & Mis Lois Allen.....	March 16,	1774
Mr Alexander Robinson & Mis Bethiah Brown....	April 7,	1774
Mr Samuel Quin & Mis Hannah Brawn.....	May 12,	1774
Mr Jabez Clough & Mis Mary Savage.....	July 14,	1774
Mr Gamaliel Gerould & Mis Lydia Connery	July 14,	1774
Mr James Lane & Mis Eunice Chace	Aug 3,	1774
Mr William Sprague & Mis Martha Shaw.....	Sept 16,	1774
Mr Seth Greele & Mis Jean McCausland.....	Dec. 15,	1774
Mr Emerson Smith & Mis Abigail Ayers.....	Dec. 15,	1774
Mr Samuel Badcock & Mis Tabitha Savage	Dec. 16,	1774
Mr Daniel Townsend & Mis Sarah Butterfield	Dec. 29,	1774

THE RICE FARM. The Rice farm in Kittery has been in the possession of the Rice family for a period of 224 years, and in the family burial lot lies seven generations. Near by the lot is growing a rose bush known to be over 200 years old. This estate was once owned by Sir Fernando Gorges, and deeded by him to the Withers family, and in 1652 it was given as a marriage dowry by Thos. Withers to his daughter Mary Withers on her nuptials with Thos. Rice. Elizabeth Withers married Benj. Berry, who had another portion of the Withers farm. They were the parents of Withers Berry, who was a member of the General Court and died in Boston in 1730.

